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7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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NAE
on the move

The month of September will see NAE personnel taking off not only for various parts of this country, but to the far areas of the world. The international community will feel the impact of the evangelical witness through the ministry of two of NAE's executives.

▪ Dr. George L. Ford, executive director, will leave Idlewild airport on August 30 in the interest of evangelical activity around the world. During the month he is gone, he will visit at least ten different areas.

His first stop will be a meeting with evangelical leaders in London for two days, after which he will go to Munich, Germany, on September 2-3. In Germany he will work with chaplains in an effort to set up retreats for evangelical servicemen. On September 4 he will be in Rome and in Athens on the fifth.

From there he will fly to Bombay for one day and then to Yeotmal where he will spend two days at the Union Theological Seminary. He will be in Delhi on the 10th and then to Hong Kong. Both in India and Hong Kong he will make contacts for the World Relief Commission, NAE's international social service agency.

After two days in Hong Kong, he will go to Taipei and spend three days with evangelical leaders on Formosa. Tokyo will be his next stop where he will be one of the featured speakers at a servicemen's retreat scheduled for September 18-20. Another retreat will be held at Seoul, Korea, September 25-27 at which Dr. Ford will also speak.

He will leave for home on the 29th with a scheduled stop-over in Honolulu where he will confer with evangelicals in the 50th state. The important and busy activities of the executive director should be made the object of many prayers.

▪ The other international visit during September will be made by Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of public affairs, who will be one of the speakers and direct a forum at the Latin American Congress on Gospel Communications. The meeting will be held September 13-18 at Cali, Colombia.

Prior to going to South America, he will be at Camp Wabanna, Annapolis, Md., on September 5-7. Upon returning from the communications congress, Dr. Taylor will speak at and help direct a mission executives retreat September 28-October 2. This annual

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The question of taxing churches has been raised again here in Washington. Bills now before Congress would exempt the churches from communications and transportation taxes, both of which are federal excise taxes. (Other bills have already repealed all taxes on local phone calls and reduced the transportation tax to 5%, effective July 1, 1960.) But the bills to grant the churches special exemptions have not seen any action by the House Ways and Means Committee. Church-owned schools were granted a similar exemption a year ago.

Meanwhile, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former president of the National Council of Churches, suggests that the churches should be doing more to bear their fair share of the tax load. First, church organizations should surrender their exemption from corporate taxes on "unrelated business income," a provision of the Internal Revenue Code which gives certain church-operated businesses a tremendous advantage over their competitors. He also suggests that churches might make voluntary contributions to their own municipalities which grant them exemption from real estate taxes.

A House subcommittee recently developed testimony in which juvenile delinquency was linked to obscene publications. Legislators previously found that authoritative statements, showing obscene materials to be a cause of delinquency, were lacking. Dr. Nicholas G. Frignito, chief psychiatrist of the municipal court of Philadelphia, launched out with some firm declarations: "Antisocial, delinquent, and criminal activity frequently results from sexual stimulation by pornography... Our prisons, correctional institutions, and mental hospitals are jammed with many of the unfortunate who were prey to pornography... Pornography is an instrument for delinquency, it is a serious threat to moral, mental and physical health."

Senator Eastland (D-Miss) recently introduced a resolution providing that a State' right to set its policy in matters of decency and morality shall not be abridged. This legislative step is necessitated, he said, by the action of the Supreme Court which struck down a New York law by which the film "Lady Chatterly's Lover" was banned. Being a constitutional amendment, this bill would have to be passed by a two-thirds majority in both houses, signed by the President and ratified by three-fourths of the States. No action during this session seems likely.

It is clear that the Post Office Department was "used" as a means of obtaining national publicity for the unexpurgated version of the book "Lady Chatterly's Lover." In this respect the Department is caught in a dilemma when it is asked to rule on the mailability of such materials--if it rules the material permissible it cannot hope to see it prosecuted under the criminal statutes; if it rules that it is non-mailable it risks national publicity and the possibility of a reversal in court.

A subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee held hearing in Washington on bills to ban alcohol from the airlines. Pilot and stewardess associations appeared in support of the bill, while the management of at least one airline opposed it. The Federal Aviation Agency took the position that its proposed regulation would assure air safety. Certain powerful forces in Congress were reported as favoring passage of a bill to ban air alcohol. Passage, at least by the House, is quite possibl during this session.

Reaching the Intellectuals in Latin America

By JAMES H. MUMME

THE HARDEST people to reach with the gospel in Latin America are those who have received a university education. Rare is the mission church which has a member representing this class—and few are the missions which are making a special effort to reach it.

Yet this is the social group that has the greatest influence in Latin America and with the determined campaign of communism to dominate it, has become one of the great challenges to evangelical Christianity on this continent.

The key to the problem is to find some way of reaching the university student. Catholicism and communism have discovered this and there is an intellectual battle royal being waged in every university in South America over these two philosophies.

The result is that most people entering professional life are carrying with them an agnostic philosophy. Having come from Catholic backgrounds, they cannot bring themselves to accept atheistic communism, but they have found their religion unable to supply them with adequate answers to Marxism. Agnosticism is their last resort, allowing them to continue with a vague belief in God, but also allowing them to mix in a social philosophy that is materialistic and unchristian.

An intelligent young civil engineer put his stand on Christianity and communism this way: "Yes, I am a Catholic, because I was born and raised a Catholic. But how is my religion helping me? What is it doing to raise the standard of living in this country? Of course I believe in God, but communism promises to do something for us. What we need in South America is a higher standard of living and greater opportunities. If communism can do that for us, then it is a good thing."

It is in the university where a young man's philosophy of life is crystallized. In place of the diversified sports, fraternities, and social life that provide the American student with outside activities, the Latin American invariably plunges into politics. He reads everything he can get his hands on in the way of political philosophy and economic problems. He is an avid reader of newspapers and an attender of political rallies and bull sessions about national and international problems.

On the other hand, every opening day and every graduation day celebration and every other official function of the university is attended by and participated in by Catholic priests, usually by the local bishop or archbishop of the area. In some universities the faculty is actually dominated by professor-priests.

Many young people tire of the constant presence of the priests in every phase of their existence. They are quick to note the moral irregularities in their lives. Worst of all is the fact that Christianity as taught by the priests is not a vital force that is able to change men and circumstances. It has a mystical and medieval flavor that causes many people to say, "Religion is all right for 'las mujeres y los pobres' (women and the poor), but I have more important and meaningful things to do."

Evangelical Christianity is the answer to the spiritual vacuum in Latin American university and professional life today. But there still is a lack of method and organization for doing the job. Some individual Christian missionaries and nationals (and especially Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship) have been successful in witness and in organizing university Christian groups.

One American missionary began a work by enrolling in a law school and found a fertile field for witnessing. He was the first young man from the United States to take the course and he soon made friends of many of the professors and students. Everyone wanted to practice his English on him, so he began classes in his home, using the diglot version of the New Testament as one of the textbooks. He freely mixes in bull sessions after classes and invites young people to his home for discussions. To invite them to church at the beginning would be futile.

Christian literature on a high cultural level can help bring living Christianity to the intellectual class. The recent attempt to advance into this field by the Christian family magazine, *Verbo,* could have been a real success if it had had more support to sustain it during its first few years. The new magazine, *Certeza,* edited by Dr. Alexander Clifford of Cordoba, Argentina, appealing directly to the university Christians is a new attempt to reach the professional man with the gospel.

But this is only a beginning. Communists are flooding South America with dozens of beautifully printed and illustrated magazines and periodicals especially slanted to the intellectual class.

Many missionaries have been heard to say, "What South America needs is a good native evangelist. Every other continent has had its own, but South America has yet to experience a real revival." Perhaps the Billy Graham of South America will come from this upper educational class. To be able to gain an entrance to most South American countries, he would almost have to be this kind of man.

So far not very many people have felt inspired to pray for the intellectual class as long as there are so many other people in Latin America—underprivileged and receptive to the Word of God. But the ministry to the lower classes will become more effective when the native churches can afford to do more of their own missionary and evangelistic work.

A strong indigenous church work needs to be reaching a cross-section of the population, including those found in the educated class. The Latin Church needs some leaders like Nicodemus, Paul, Lydia, and Luke. Christians in the United States should remember this need when they pray for missions in Latin America.

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WEF

That the World May Believe

The World Evangelical Fellowship works to overcome divisions and denominationalism which hurt world evangelism

"HOW MANY Christs are there?"

The question was asked in all sincerity by an African inquirer. Upon being assured that God had only one Son, the Lord Jesus, the utter confusion within his heart was reflected in the strained and puzzled expression on his face.

He spoke again, "If there is only one Christ, and all Christians claim to follow Him, why is there so much fighting and ill will among Christians?"

The tragedy of the 20th century Church was definitely a roadblock in his quest for Christ.

Divisions among Christians, blind worship and exaltation of denominationalism, mushrooming ecclesiasticism and liberal Protestantism are all factors which are preventing the salvation of the heathen. Sectarian and national prejudices have further complicated the problem. In the presence of the multiplied divisions among believers, there is little wonder the simple African native inquiries, "How many Christs are there?"

Everywhere there is a developing conviction among Christians that to remain isolated from each other is to greatly retard the complete evangelization of the world. As might be expected, a pseudo form of unity has spawned. Ecumenicity has become the by-word of the hour. Theological liberalism has created the machinery to usher in the super church. Unity has become a mechanical creation, without life or vision.

Ecumenicity is no stranger to our day, nor should it ever be. Christ spoke openly concerning it and linked it to an irrefutable testimony concerning Himself "that the world might believe." However, evangelicals are quick to realize and to pronounce that an ecumenicity that does not stem from a spiritual new birth, and that is not founded upon the basic doctrines of God's Word cannot be the answer to our Lord's prayer in John 17 for unity.

Because of this and other considerations, evangelicals around the world were driven to seek fellowship in an organization that would keep the emphasis upon those elements of the Christian faith clearly revealed in the Scriptures and so visibly evidenced in the apostolic church. The result of this effort is the World Evangelical Fellowship.

The world organization took form slowly as a result of a series of meetings of evangelical leaders from approximately 30 countries, beginning in 1948. It became reality in 1951.

The World Evangelical Fellowship

By FRED G. FERRIS

is not a council of churches nor is it a mission board. It is a fellowship of like-minded evangelicals, affiliated with National Associations of Evangelicals around the world. The World Evangelical Fellowship is not seeking to creat unity, but seeks to encourage believers to demonstrate that they already have unity by virtue of their relationship to one another in Christ. The WEF is a united testimony, a haven of evangelical fellowship, and a medium through which evangelical conviction may be translated into effective cooperative action.

Several factors contributed to this growing awareness among evangelicals of the need for a genuine demonstration of unity and cooperative effort. The magnitude of the unfinished task of evangelizing the world weighed heavily upon the hearts of earnest believers. Great gaps existed in the program of evangelization that could never be bridged apart from coordinated effort. Needs on the mission field that could never be met by any isolated group alone pressed on the claim for uniting with others of like precious faith.

The steady gains of godless forces and the great areas of our world where missionaries were evicted caused serious thinking Christians to wonder how the indigenous church would fare. They came to realize the immediate need of uniting evangelical churches into a fellowship—giving assurance that they were not alone and at the same time presenting a united front. The multiplied duplication of effort in almost every area of Christian service caused conscientious believers to long for a channel through which they could coordinate their efforts and cooperate in a program that considered the total national need.

With the close of World War II, missionary endeavor seemed to find new life. There was a great upsurge of volunteers for the field and many new missions organizations came into being. The great preponderance of these missionaries were thoroughly evangelical. They did not affiliate with existing world organizations such as the National Councils of Churches, but rather sought for that which could truly represent them as evangelicals. This voice they have found in the World Evangelical Fellowship. Twenty-one countries now have evangelical fellowships or alliances and several others are in the process of organization.

The effectiveness of such cooperation and coordinated effort is readily

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illustrated by the Evangelical Fellowship of India and the amazing record of Union Biblical Theological Seminary in Yeotmal.

At the beginning of this decade evangelicals in India realized the pressing need for an evangelical seminary, yet no one existing evangelical mission could assume the full financial burden and other responsibilities relative to establishing and maintaining such an institution.

In 1951 in the organizational meeting of EFI, Dr. Frank Kline made a plea for a united effort by all evangelicals to make the school possible. There was a marvelous response to this challenge. When "those of like precious faith," regardless of denominational lines, pooled their resources and personnel, the seminary became reality. Today it is one of the outstanding seminaries in all Asia, fully accredited and granting the B.D. degree.

Wherever an evangelical fellowship is organized an immediate survey is made of all mission effort within the country and statistics compiled. Commissions are then organized to coordinate mission and church effort in such fields as radio ministry, literature, evangelism, Sunday schools, leadership training, and the spiritual revival of the church.

Where this program is followed the results have been most encouraging. For example, where once nine mission presses competed with each other in India, today all are more busy meeting the requirements of a well coordinated literature program that is making a tremendous impact across that land. Where there is no organized fellowship, missionaries usually get together once a year in a so-called literature conference to "tell" one another or to "announce" their individual mission literature program. If there is duplication of effort, as there frequently is, or if there are glaring gaps and unmet needs, little if anything is done about it.

Where an organized fellowship promotes a literature conference the basic needs of the country are faced, priority ratings given and the work distributed in such a way as to reap the maximum harvest from coordinated effort. It is the only way to intelligently undertake this program today.

The broad field of radio ministries demands coordinated effort. Everyone, it seems, wants to make a tape or preach a recorded message. Obviously stations such as FEBC or HCJB cannot accept tapes from everyone who would like to go on the air.

Station FEBC recently decided to solve the problem in India by giving the entire block of time to the EFI and asking them to fill it. While all cooperating groups are free to ask for time, the problem of screening is worked out by the Evangelical Radio Fellowship of India. Thus FEBC is relieved of this responsibility while being assured the programs received are of such quality and content as to truly minister to the need of all India.

Rich blessing and strengthening of the local churches has come out of the pastor's conferences sponsored by the Fellowships. The WEF has contributed to these conferences by providing Bible teachers and speakers from time to time.

The value of a united evangelical voice was vividly demonstrated last spring. Four years of increasing oppression of Protestants in Spain and the danger of their total annihilation was brought to the attention of the WEF by the Evangelical Alliance of Spain.

March 15 was designated as a "World Day of Prayer for Protestants in Spain." A news release was sent out from the international office alerting all fellowships around the world. Other evangelical organizations such as the EFMA, religious periodicals and the secular press were urged to publicize this special day.

On March 15 evangelicals around the world united in prayer and on April 5 the Spanish government notified the pastor of the largest Protestant church in Spain to resume services in his church. It is hoped that further liberties will be forthcoming.

Obviously the area for coordinated effort is unlimited. The Evangelical Fellowship of Ceylon has made gospel vans available to national pastors and mission groups. These are fully equipped with films, projectors, and amplifying systems to be used anywhere on the island.

The Fellowship of Taiwan has five audio-visual libraries scattered across the island. These are equipped with projectors, films, slides, flannelgraph materials and object lessons, all of which are used freely by the missionaries and pastors. The Taiwan Fellowship has recently completed a series of Sunday school conferences, the first such meetings on the island. A servicemen's center in the Taiwan Fellowship headquarters building meets a very real need for American service personnel.

The Fellowship in Korea, with more than 24 regional areas and 200,400 members, launched 20 simultaneous evangelistic meetings last year and operated 130 relief centers.

God's evident blessing upon the Billy Graham crusades, the great Osaka Crusade conducted by Dr. Bob Pierce, the crusade in Ceylon under the leadership of Dr. Haqq, and the success of the recent crusade in Italy are all irrefutable proof that God is willing and ready to bless when believers want His blessing sincerely enough to unite in cooperative prayer and effort for it.

Yet there are major obstacles for the WEF to overcome. Paramount among these is the fact that the World Evangelical Fellowship is comparatively new and largely unknown to those outside the heart of the organization. Evangelical pastors in America are keenly aware of the NAE, but are not familiar with its world counterpart of which the NAE is the largest member.

Because the WEF is not known in the grass roots of evangelical life in America, the pulpits of many evangelical churches are not readily opened to the ministry of the WEF leaders, These men are well qualified to make a major contribution to a mission conference or to bring a challenge of world missions to our evangelical constituency.

It is vital to the future of the WEF

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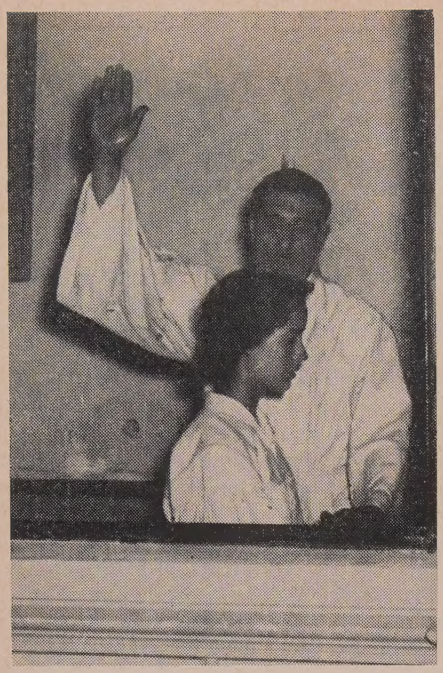
The author (third from left) meets with Dr. Timothy Dzao and other Chinese evangelical leaders in Hong Kong during his trip around the world made last spring.



Pastor Jose Nunez of Madrid's Second Baptist church baptizes a convert. At right may be seen the seals on the church door which have been replaced by the police. Over the door is the verse, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving."—*RNS Photos*

SPANISH PASTOR PUT ON TRIAL

▪ THE PASTOR OF MADRID'S Second Baptist church was taken to court recently for re-entering and conducting Protestant services in a church that was closed two years ago by the Spanish government.

Pastor Jose Nunez told Madrid's Central Court he found that the government seal, affixed in 1954, had been disintegrated by the elements and that he opened the church in accordance with what he considered his religious obligations.

The congregation, asserting it still possessed a valid permit to use the building, had held three services in it when Mr. Nunez was arrested.

The prosecutor demanded the pastor be sentenced to three and a half months in prison and fined the equivalent of $45. The hearing was adjourned, however, so that a search could be made for the missing original Ministry of Interior order which closed the church.

FAR EAST SERVICEMEN'S RETREATS

▪ EVANGELICAL SERVICEMEN in the Far East will have an opportunity to hear some "back home" preaching at two spiritual life retreats to be held in Japan and Korea during the month of September.

The retreats are being sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.

Featured speakers at the conferences will be the Rev. Roy McKeown, director of Youth for Christ, Los Angeles, Calif., and the Rev. George L. Ford, executive director of NAE.

The conferences are planned as a source of spiritual inspiration and blessing for men serving with U. S. military forces in the Far East. It will include servicemen of numerous denominations, and for many it will be the first opportunity for such contact with other evangelical servicemen stationed overseas.

The first retreat will be held at the "Gohra," Tokyo, from Friday evening, September 18, to Sunday noon, September 20. The second retreat will be held at the Eighth Army Retreat Center, Seoul, Korea, from Friday evenning, September 25, to Sunday noon, September 27.

Arrangements for the conferences are being handled in the U.S. by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, acting executive secretary of the NAE Chaplains Commission. In the Far East arrangements and registrations are being handled by Chaplain (1st Lt.) Calvin W. Roy, USAF, 6000th Support Wing, APO 925, San Francisco, California.

By JOSE FERNANDEZ . . .

The Truth abou

For almost half-a-century a storm of controversy has been raging in connection with the so-called oath of the Knights of Columbus. According to this "oath" circulated by some groups, the Knights of Columbus' candidate for the Fourth degree solemnly promises, among other things, "to wage relentless war secretly or openly against all heretical Protestants, as I am directed to extirpate them from the face of the earth, and that I will spare neither sex, age, nor condition and that I will burn, waste, boil, flay, and burn alive these infamous brutes, rip up the stomachs and wombs of the women and crush the heads of their infants against the wall in order to annihilate their execrable race, that when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel or the poinard or the leaden bullet, regardless of honour, rank, dignity, or authority of the persons, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus."

The oath referred to has nothing to do with the real pledge of the Knights of Columbus. It is bogus, spurious, and a myth. There is evidence in the "oath" itself to support this.

In the "oath" there are two statements that indicate that it was not made by the Knights of Columbus. The first statement reveals that the "oath" was taken in "the presence of . . . the Superior General of the Society of Jesus founded by St. Ignatius Loyola." If there was ever such an oath, it was obviously made, not by the Knights of the Columbus, but by members of the Jesuit Order.

This is evident to anyone familiar with the workings of the various Roman Catholic religious orders and the practice followed by the Knights of Columbus in their initiation rites.

This group of Jesuits may have been called the "brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus." No proof exists, however, that it was ever

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False KC Oath

a Jesuit oath. But if there ever was such an oath, it was a Jesuit oath and not one to be attributed to the Knights of Columbus.

The second statement reads, "I do swear by the blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform this oath in testimony whereof I take this sacrament of the Eucharist." This is a clear indication that the "oath" was pronounced, not in the lodge, where the Knights of Columbus initiation takes place, but in the church where alone the Blessed Sacrament is kept and administered.

During my 16 years as a Roman Catholic priest I had opportunity to discuss this oath with many of my friends who were priests and fellow-Dominicans who belonged to the Knights of Columbus. They all assured me that the oath under discussion was bogus and spurious and that the Knights pledge allegiance to church and state through symbolism and not by direct oath.

This was confirmed on February 10, 1954, when the Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus in the United States wrote in answer to my request for a copy of the "real" oath: "You are advised that our organization is not an oath bound society." Five years ago after one of my meetings I was approached by a former Grand Knight who was under conviction as a result of the evening's message. I dealt with him for four hours and he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. I asked him about the oath and he assured me that such "despicable" oath was a myth.

Ben Borders, a former fourth degree Knight and elected Grand Knight but who is now a born-again Christian and a Southern Baptist evangelist, wrote me: "The so-called 'oath' of the Knights of Columbus is purely bogus . . . I was initiated into the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus at Evansville, Indiana, having previously been initiated into the first, second, and third degrees. The degree work is fresh in my mind and I want to state that there is no such oath taken by a Fourth Degree candidate. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has to do with God and country and is built strictly around patriotism for one's country."

The oath was first printed in the *Chester Republican* on August 28, 1912, and entered the *Congressional Record* on February 15, 1913. Mr. Bonniwell, a Knight of Columbus, ran for Congress in the seventh congressional district of Pennsylvania. In an effort to bring about his defeat the opposition circulated an oath allegedly made by the Knights of Columbus. The newspaper published the oath in August and Mr. Bonniwell was defeated in the November election.

The election was contested by Mr. Bonniwell who, in the following February, cited this oath as false, spurious, and bogus and claimed that his defeat was due mainly to its circulation. His opponent, Mr. Butler, repudiated the document as soon as complaint was made to him of its general circulation.

In the course of the investigation, the "oath" was read in Congress and thus went into the *Congressional Record*. Its appearance there, however, in no way attests that it is genuine since the *Record* prints all speeches verbatim.

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ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMUNISM—

THE MAJOR question confronting concerned Americans today is communism. The offspring of this big problem is phrased in questions like these:

What is Soviet communism?

What does it mean to those under its heel?

What are its ultimate goals?

What does it mean to me?

How will it affect my children?

Before I make an honest attempt to answer these and other questions which you will ask, let me introduce myself and give you an idea why I presume to speak on this subject.

You see. I too was born a free American. That was 35 years ago. My father had a business in Detroit, but poor health forced him to make frequent trips to health resorts in Germany and Czechoslovakia. Having accompanied dad on one of his trips to Germany, we were trapped by World War II and locally interned in Dresden by Hitler's forces throughout the war. In 1945 when the Soviet troops were moving through East Germany, there I stood—knowing little about communism and nothing about the Bible.

Possibly many of you friends are not prepared today to meet the things that can come at any time—either our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven or, before His coming, the forces of Satan working through communism.

I was not aware that communism did not start with Marx and Engles or the Communist Manifesto but with Satan himself as recorded in Genesis 3. I did not know that the unregenerate mind could not outwit the communist mind until I learned that the Communists have Satan on their side to teach them his methods of intrigue and deceit. If I would have taken Ephesians 6:10-15 to heart and put on the armor of God, I would have been able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

But I hadn't and so I was arrested and existed through nine and a half years of terror and starvation—yes, and many blessings. These years took me through prisons, concentration and slave camps behind the Iron Curtain where I not only met thousands of people from all nations, but I found God there in prison . . . and His Son as my own personal Saviour.

Having learned the Russian language and being therefore able to understand the hearts of the Russian people and having found grace in the sight of God, I do consider myself, with reservations of course, an authority on this subject.

In the prison camps we had to take a firm stand. Either we were on God's side, putting all our trust in Him, or we were on Satan's side, trying to survive by stealing, blackmail or murder.

We in America are being forced to take a firm stand—either Christ or communism. Where do you stand? Possibly you are one of those who does not see clearly what communism means. Send your questions and I will do my best to give you light—yet not my light, but that of our Father.

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interpreting around-the-world news

The Castro Enigma

■ EVENTS IN CUBA have already reached the boiling point, but somehow the lid stays on. With charges of communism flying within the government (the recent head of Castro's Air Force, Major Pedro Diaz Lanz, and the recent president, Manuel Urrutia) and without (Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operation, and scores of others), Fidel Castro continues to be the hero.

Many Latin American experts say that the Communists have already taken over in Cuba and that Premier Castro is a Communist. The land reform program he proposes and some other of his economic measures tend to confirm this.

But the average evangelical finds himself in a muddle when he reads such statements as that issued early in August by the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches "categorically refuting" any insinuation that the Castro government was "within the orbit of Communism." The council supported "without reserve" what it called Dr. Fidel Castro's efforts to "graft into the life of the nation the Christian principles of liberty, equality and the brotherhood of man."

That there are some evangelicals in high government positions cannot be denied. And the testimony of the Cuban Council of Evangelicals cannot be taken lightly. But this doesn't resolve all the problem for there are some obstinate facts that just won't go away, And one cannot help but remember one of the wise proverbs of Solomon which says, "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

United (?) Church

■ IF 700 DELEGATES representing over two million constituents of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church can bring unity, this country got its first 'United' Church last month. But, as *Christianity Today* reported, "Behind . . . (and apparently ahead as well) was a road strewn with bitter recriminations and even lawsuits, as many Congregationalists had reaffirmed faithfulness to historic autonomous polity and shied away from compromise with presbyterian or pyramidal government of the E & R Church."

Formation of the new denomination has been hailed by liberals as a major step forward in Protestant union because it marked the first merger in this country of two communions of diverse traditions. The delegates meeting at Oberlin College adopted with ease an ambiguous Statement of Faith that is purported to "reaffirm in present-day language traditional Christian beliefs," but was not quite traditional enough to include any reference to the virgin birth of Christ. The chairman of the committee which drew up the statement had emphasized that it was to be "a testimony, and not a test, of faith." No congregation is required to subscribe to the statement.

The delegates left after the four-day synod remembering the words of their co-president, Dr. Fred Hoskins, who told them that "one is bound to hope and believe that much which occurred during the first two years of the United Church's existence is a token of God's favor and an augury of His continuing guidance of us into fuller and more significant mission."

Crusade Critics

■ CRITICS OF BILLY Graham's Australian Crusade were incorrect in claiming that "the same old churchgoers were warmed over again," according to Associate Evangelist Jerry Beavan. He told a large crowd at Sydney that 76 per cent of the 56,000 people there reported as making decisions for Christ did so for the first time.

Moreover, converts in the month-long Sydney campaign included persons "among groups notably difficult to reach." Among these, Beavan said, were 1,454 college and university students, 491 teachers, 433 business executives, 306 professional engineers, 115 members of the entertainment world, 1,046 nurses, 50 doctors and 28 lawyers. Crusade officials reported a total of 142,000 decisions for Christ at the end of the three and a half month Australian effort.

COVER PHOTO

Officers of the National Association of Evangelicals in Korea bid goodbye to Rev. Fred Ferris (second from left), executive secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, and Dr. Clyde Taylor (center), executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, as they prepare to board the plane for the last lap of their trip around the world.

Right to Protect

■ A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a Constitutional amendment to ensure the right of each state to protect "the moral standards of its citizens" has been introduced in Congress by Rep. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.). Mr. Dowdy told the House that such an amendment has been made necessary by the June decision of the U. S. Supreme Court striking down the right of New York State to regulate moving pictures which depict "immorality." The particular film in question is "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

He had charged that the court's decision amounts to holding that the seventh and tenth of the Ten Commandments are unconstitutional and therefore void. "The opinion of the Supreme Court is that the picture portrays an idea," said Mr. Dowdy, "namely, that adultery may be proper behavior, and that freedom to advocate such an idea is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

He declared that the authors of the First Amendment were "God-fearing men," and certainly had no idea that their words would ever be so misconstrued and misused. The amendment which the Texas congressman proposes would be very brief. It would simply provide that "nothing in this Constitution or the amendments thereto shall be construed to limit the power of any state to protect the moral standards of its citizens."

A Friend Indeed

■ METHODIST BISHOP ARTHUR J. Moore recently called on Americans "to stop this malicious criticism of Chiang Kai-shek, whose government is pro-Christian, pro-democratic and pro-American." Coming from the man who is president of the Methodist Board of Missions and head of the denomination in Formosa and Hong Kong, the words were meaningful.

Urging this country to support Formosa, he described the island as "a link in our first line of defense against communism in that area." Bishop

for evangelicals

Moore said that the Formosa government "is trying to demonstrate the superiority of the free way of life, as contrasted to the brutal totalitarian regime on the China mainland."

He observed that the two men in the world the Reds "hate the most" are Chiang Kai-shek and President Syngman Rhee of Korea. "And they are both Methodists," he said. We hope those who are unwittingly parrotting the party line in criticism of these two friends of America will remember the bishop's words.

No 'Protestant Problem'

■ SPAIN HAS A "Protestant problem" like countries around the equator have an "Eskimo problem," a Franciscan priest who has just returned from four years in Spain reports. The priest is Father Loyola Lawrence Knoblauch who said, "There is no more of a Protestant problem in Spain than there is an Eskimo problem in Panama. There might be a few Eskimos in Panama, but there's no demand for special legislation for them."

He pointed out that Spain is more than 99 per cent Catholic and added: "I won't say that Protestants shouldn't have more freedom. But the State is concerned with preserving Spanish unity, and that unity is based on Catholicism."

We point out two things: (1) If the Panamanian government locked Eskimos out of their churches (see page 8), they would need legislation, and (2) if the good priest would talk with the scores of thousands of Spanish young people who are thoroughly disillusioned with the Roman Catholic Church, he would discover that the one per cent Protestant community subtracted from the total population does not leave 99 per cent Catholic.

Not Written Off

■ THE LATEST MISSIONARY to be expelled from Red China, Miss Helen Willis, arrived in Hong Kong with the words that we cannot write off the Church in China, but that "God will preserve a strong remnant in China in spite of all Communist effort."

She reports that the Communist campaign of brainwashing continues unabated. Many pastors have been tortured or intimidated until they have succumbed to Red domination. She indicated, however, that many Christians remain true in spite of attack and constant surveillance.

Leaving All

■ NEWS HAS BEEN DEFINED as "a disruption of the status quo." Maybe that's why this story from Milwaukee made the news. A thing like this—more common in the first century—seldom happens anymore.

The story is about Ralph J. Rybarchyk, 39, who has given up his thriving insurance business in the Wisconsin city to become the business manager of a non-denominational Christian television station in Philadelphia at one-fifth of the $20,000 income he would have earned this year. "People think I'm crazy. They tell me this is just the wrong time to be leaving."

Why is he doing it? He quotes from Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

"This," he explains simply, "means all of a man's life." Does that sound like the status quo?

Playing the Game

■ METHODISTS SEEKING HIGH political office were asked a series of questions on how their beliefs might affect their public service in an editorial by *The Pilot*, official weekly of the Boston Roman Catholic archdiocese. The paper said it was justified in posing the queries in view of the fact that earlier Methodist John Wesley Lord of Boston had said that Protestants "have the right and duty to ask questions of Catholics with presidential aspirations."

Bishop Lord's queries were concerned with the public school system, attendance at Protestant church services, civil law enforcement, Church and state, and "impartiality" in making decisions.

The Pilot's questions included:

"In the light of a traditional racial segregation long practiced and still mightily supported in Methodist churches in the U.S., can you be relied upon to carry through the Supreme Court decisions recently made on this topic? Can you serve with Negroes in your cabinet, congress, etc.

"Methodists and other denominations have placed on the law books of many separate states strict laws depriving other citizens of the right to drink alcoholic beverages as their conscience allows. If elected to national office, would you strive to make these laws federal thus forcing your own religious views on all your fellow citizens?"

"The Methodist religion condemns gambling in all forms. In a position of public responsibility could you conscientiously permit horse racing and other forms of gambling to continue under your control and could you use funds raised in this (to you) immoral way?

"The famous Discipline which regulates Methodist teaching protests against Catholic teaching. Would you in public office be required to protest or suppress Catholic teaching as directed in this document?"

The editorial concluded: "Moral—anyone can play this game if he doesn't mind gettings his hands dirty."

The line forms to the right for those who would like to shoot full of holes the logic (or lack of it) revealed in *The Pilot's* questions.

NAE on the move

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meeting will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana. (See story on page 12.)

■ A DEDICATION SERVICE for NSSA's new office building at 175 N. Franklin in Chicago will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. September 13. REV. BERT WEBB, president of the National Sunday School Association, will be the speaker. Friends in the Chicago area are invited to be present for the service and see the new offices.

■ NAE'S FIELD director REV. MAHLON MACY, will join *Action's* newest columnist (see page 9), JOHN NOBLE, in September for a series of area meetings in Nebraska. Mr. Noble, who was a prisoner of the Russians for nine years, will be remembered by many for his moving message at the last NAE convention.

The meetings, which will be held September 12-14 under the sponsorship of the Nebraska Association of Evangelicals, will be in Aurora, Grand Island, Holdredge, and Lincoln. Friends in those areas can get exact time and places by contacting local evangelical leaders.

Mr. Macy will direct NAE workshops at two Sunday school conventions in North Dakota during the week of September 21. The first convention will be at Minot followed by one at Jamestown. On October 1-2, he will be at the Kansas state Sunday school convention in Wichita.

That the World

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that the NAE leaders and churches openly endorse and promote the program. Not until the evangelical churches of America undergird this world effort with regular financial support will the WEF be able to use the full of its present opportunities.

It would be definitely to the advantage of the WEF if mission executives would advise their missionaries that they are free to use their own discretion on the field relative to uniting with the local evangelical fellowships. Silence from headquarters is often interpreted as disapproval.

The possible merger of the World Council and the International Missionary Council in the next year or so will force many major sending organizations and national church groups around the world to re-think their position and affiliation. It is therefore paramount that the WEF have the immediate endorsement and support of American evangelicals.

Immediate WEF plans call for the establishing of WEF regional offices, staffed by nationals to minister to the needs of given geographical areas of the world. There is a pressing demand for more time from the WEF leaders for unhurried consultation and ministry with our fellowships overseas. For example, the events of recent months in Indonesia have wrought havoc for the Indonesian fellowship. Transportation and communication have broken down. This, plus ever increasing restrictions, makes it imperative that the WEF secretary spend not less than eight to ten weeks in the area as soon as possible.

Several inquiries have come from Africa. The challenge of this great continent weighs heavily upon us. We are praying now that God will lay it upon the hearts of evangelicals to send the support to the WEF headquarters that we may undertake the uniting of evangelicals in Africa in the next few months.

Current plans call for an Asian conference followed by a world conference of the World Evangelical Fellowship in Singapore in August 1960.

Truly God has opened a great and effectual door to the WEF. Through its ministry it is bringing into close correlation all evangelical effort. It is preparing the church in mission lands for that day when it must function entirely apart from any mission help.

The WEF is uniting evangelicals to bridge the gap that now exists in the evangelizing of the lost millions. A sense of urgency weighs heavily upon the WEF leaders. The WEF is in a very real way altering evangelicals to a recognition of a spiritual unity and oneness in Christ in an hour when a pseudo-ecumenicity is being thrust upon the people and the super church is being promoted with all haste.

The WEF program is a guarantee that the product of years of evangelical missionary effort shall be conserved in an hour when godless forces are coming into power in large areas of our world.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, a former editor of this magazine and now managing editor of *Christianity Today*, says of this world organization: "The WEF is the answer to those who seek a sound basis for evangelical Christian cooperation at the world level. The Fellowship stands four-square for the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Holy Scriptures. It seeks the motivation, the direction and the power of the Holy Spirit in all its endeavors. It is dealing realistically with the problems of the hour. It is small wonder that the movement is rapidly gaining ground. It merits our prayers, our labors, and our generous financial support."

AFRICAN PROBLEMS WILL BE FEATURED AT MISSION EXECUTIVES RETREAT

▪ "Africa, the Exploding Continent," will be the featured subject at the annual mission executives retreat to be held September 28-October 2 at Winona Lake, Indiana. The retreat is sponsored by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Discussing the situation in Africa will be an official from the U. S. State Department, as yet unnamed, and Dr. Emory Ross, head of the American Leprosy Mission and expert on Africa.

Participating in the retreat will be executives and directors from some 30 to 40 denominational and independent mission boards served by the EFMA.

In addition to the feature on Africa, the executives will discuss and hear discussed such topics as "Missionary Children's Schools Overseas" by Norman Cummings and "On-the-Job Training" by Dr. Dick Hillis of Orient Crusades.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the EFMA, will present "Goverment-Mission Problems."

"Anti-Communist Strategy" will be the subject of a discussion presented by Dr. Arthur Glasser of the China Inland Mission and Overseas Fellowship.

Three educators—Dr. S. A. Witmer, Dr. J. R. Mumaw, and Dr. Merrill C. Tenney—will discuss "Curriculum Report for Mission Majors" as it relates to all levels of higher education. A report from the World Evangelical Fellowship will be given by Rev. Fred Ferris, executive secretary. This will be his first opportunity to report to the mission boards following his recent trip around the world.

Attendance at the retreat is by invitation only.

A DEMONSTRATION FOR KHRUSHCHEV

▪ The reaction of the American public to the forthcoming visit of Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev has generally been in two directions— cautious approval or bitter disapproval. Many Christians, caught in the dilemma, have just not reacted one way or the other.

But Admiral Ben Morreell (USN, ret.) of Pittsburgh saw a vacuum here into which he feels the Christian public should step. Admiral Morreell, former president of Jones-Laughlin Steel Company and an active Episcopal layman, has suggested that September 15 (the day of Khrushchev's scheduled arrival in this country) be made a day of prayer in churches all over the nation and that Sunday, September 20, be a day of all-out church attendance to demonstrate America's faith in God.

The idea is gaining wide-spread approval among those who feel that instead of reacting with a spirit of hate, we should demonstrate a Christian spirit and show the atheistic Russian premier that we are a God-fearing nation. The call to prayer and church attendance on those days, which is being pushed by *Christianity Today*, has been endorsed by many religious and patriotic organizations.

Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, remarked that "this is the first constructive suggestion we have heard. It could not be a testimony to Khrushchev of our faith in God, but it could also be a time when the American people confessed their utter dependence on God.

"We hope thousands of evangelical churches will have a part in this type of demonstration—a demonstration of faith."

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NEW YOUTH FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

At YFCI's Fifteenth Annual Convention at Winona Lake, Ind., the following officers were elected: (*Left to right*) Rev. Paul Hartford, treasurer; Rev. Dave Breese, secretary; Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president, and Rev. Carl Bihl, vice president.

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Engstrom Re-Elected YFCI's President

WHEATON, Ill.—Again heading the group of officers who will guide the work of Youth for Christ International in forty-five nations of the world, YFCI headquarters here announces, is Dr. Ted W. Engstrom. Reelected to his third term as international president at the organization's fifteenth annual convention at Winona Lake, Ind., this summer, Dr. Engstrom is the first layman to serve as YFCI's chief executive. Prior to coming to Youth for Christ in 1951, he was for eleven years editorial director and book editor for Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. YFCI's president has worked with teen-agers on four continents, his associates reveal, and has written more than twenty books.

Serving with Dr. Engstrom on YFCI'S executive staff during the coming year will be Rev. Carl Bihl of Wheaton as vice president; Rev. Dave Breese, Grand Rapids, Mich., as secretary, and Rev. Paul Hartford, St. Petersburg, Fla., as treasurer. Bihl also serves as staff evangelist and organizing director of YFCI; Breese is director of Grand Rapids Youth for Christ and vice president of the Great Lakes Area, and Hartford is Youth for Christ vice president of the Caribbean and Central America Area.

Registration at this year's international convention, President Engstrom indicated, was the largest in the organization's fifteen-year history, with forty-two states and nine foreign countries represented. The convention drew its largest number of delegates from the Overseas program, with young people coming from Brazil, Venezuela, India, Great Britain, the Caribbean, Germany, France, South Africa and Hawaii.

Bristol, England has been chosen as the location for Youth for Christ International's Twelfth World Congress scheduled for August 1960.

Specializing in teen-age evangelism, YFCI has a program for the coming year, its leaders announce, consisting of over 300 local Youth for Christ organizations and 2400 high school clubs, besides the production of teen-slanted literature and films.

45th ICE Convention Honors Vice President

PHILADELPHIA—Vice President Richard M. Nixon (see photo page 15) was awarded International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation for 1959 at the Forty-fifth International Christian Endeavor Convention here (see *Action* July issue) for making "a major contribution toward winning the peace." Mr. Nixon was introduced to the assembly by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and was presented the citation by Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Boston's famed Park Street Church and first president of the National Association of Evangelicals, addressed the closing session of the convention at which Mr. Nixon's citation was made. "To play with Communism is like playing with fire," Dr. Ockenga told the 5,000 young delegates assembled from all of North America for the week-long gathering. "Some fail to see that Communism is atheistic, ruthless and brutal, that it destroys the free state, repudiates the value of the individual and annihilates religion," the speaker further warned the delegates, adding, "To turn the rising tide of Communism the world needs young men and women on fire with a zeal for Christian truth and for the incorporation of that truth in all societal relationships."

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Billy Graham Crusade Highlights Centennial

WHEATON, Ill.—Evangelist Billy Graham will return to his *alma mater* to participate in Wheaton College's Centennial observance, officials of the college have noted here. His crusade will continue from September 27 through October 4, including two Sunday afternoon rallies at Grange Field, Wheaton High School. Each evening Monday through Friday he will address mass meetings in the new gymnasium at the college. All meetings will be open to the public, but tickets will be issued for half the seats in the gymnasium—available through local churches or through the Wheaton College Chaplaincy Office which has charge of arrangements. Chaplain Evan D. Welsh has revealed that 127 churches in the area adjoining Wheaton have been contacted and are work-

ing with his committee in providing prayer counselors, ushers and other needed personnel.

On Saturday evening, October 3, a Laymen's Conference will be held, with Dr. Graham as guest speaker. Information on this affair may be secured from Mr. Clarence Benware, of the Allmart Real Estate Company in Wheaton.

Earlier in the month—September 12 and 13—Dr. Graham is scheduled for preaching engagements in Little Rock, Ark. Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist* commented on the timing of the evangelist's visit with the opening of the school year and the scrutiny to which Little Rock is being subjected because of integration problems in its high schools. He had this to say:

"Whether or not the improvement in the Little Rock situation of the last few weeks is to continue, and what the situation will be by mid-September, only God knows, but the greater the evidence of man's depravity and of his inhumanity to his fellow man, the greater the preaching of a Billy Graham is needed. This is not to imply that Little Rock is destitute of spiritual leadership, but Billy Graham, though he preaches the same gospel that is preached consistently from the pulpits of our city, and though he is called by the same God who has called countless thousands of others, apparently has a special anointing of the Holy Spirit."

Radio-TV

MBI Plans Include Two New Radio Stations

CHICAGO—Moody Bible Institute is slated to have two new radio stations, according to announcement by Willis Mayfield, manager of MBI's radio division.

A new AM station, WDLM, located near East Moline, Ill., is expected to be on the air January 1, 1960, reaching a wide area in western Illinois and eastern Iowa. Permission was granted this summer by the Federal Communications Commission to construct an FM station in Chicago.

L. and L. Hour Director Is on Evangelistic Tour

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Dr. Myron F. Boyd, director of the Light and Life Hour, international radio broadcast of the Free Methodist Church, is currently on an evangelistic tour of Europe and parts of the Soviet Union. During the two- month trip he will be visiting Portugal, France, Germany, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, England, Ireland, Africa (Morocco) and Russia. He expects to return to the United States about September 24.

Major purposes which Dr. Boyd has indicated he hopes to accomplish by the tour include: (1) To survey present spiritual conditions in the various countries of Europe and in Russia. (2) To study the possibility of producing the Light and Life Hour in more foreign languages, particularly French, German, and Spanish. (3) To gain personal knowledge of the powerful missionary radio station, "The Voice of Tangier," which is now broadcasting the Light and Life Hour into Russia and Europe in three languages, Russian, Latvian, and English. (4) To make important personal contact with the most powerful radio station in the world, Radio Luxemburg. (5) To minister in evangelical rallies in Lisbon, Paris, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam. (6) To conduct a Bible Conference in London, sponsored by the National Holiness Association of England. (7) To conduct a Spiritual Emphasis Week in the new Free Methodist Church in Belfast, Ireland.

Annual Sunday School Number of ACTION magazine will be October issue. Full information will be given on the Triple Sunday School Conventions (see August ACTION). Save the dates: San Jose—October 7-9; Atlanta—October 21-23, and Columbus—November 11-13.

NRB CONVENTION DATES SET

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., President Eugene R. Bertermann has reported, will be held January 19-21, 1960 in Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Religious TV Drama Films 200th Episide

HOLLYWOOD — Marking another milestone in its seven-year career as one of the world's most televised programs. "This Is the Life" has filmed its 200th half-hour episode. Film No. 200 also completed the new series of religious dramas to be introduced this fall as the program begins its eighth continuous year on television.

The milestone was observed at the Hollywood studios of Family Films, Inc., where all 200 episodes have been produced by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is believed "This Is the Life" is the only church-produced dramatic series to complete so many half-hour films for TV.

Since 1952, "This Is the Life" has been presented every week as a public service by more than 300 television stations in the United States, Canada, and overseas. In the United States it can be seen by approximately 98% of the nation's TV homes. It has an estimated weekly audience of more than ten million viewers.

The program presents modern-day dramatic episodes to illustrate the basic Christian message as a guide for happier living.

Dr. Louis T. Talbot Rates Call Letters

LOS. ANGELES—EP—Dr. Louis T. Talbot, Chancellor of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., and for more than thirty years one of the nation's leading Gospel broadcasters, has been honored by having his initials assigned

Millions for Christ Through the Sunday School

NATIONAL Sunday School Week will be observed this year September 27—October 4, it has been announced by Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of National Sunday School Association, sponsor of the event.

"The theme for the 1959 observance—'Millions for Christ Through the Sunday School'—accents the gigantic task which America's Christian people must face and undertake at this perilous time in the history of mankind," assert NSSA leaders, who further state, "Development of powerful rocket fuels, penetration into outer space, atomic powered submarines, and a network of missile bases supplied with atomic explosives which could destroy civilization are accomplishments of modern science. If the world is to survive long under these conditions it will be because of strong spiritual undergirding which alone can equip a man to live with his own discoveries and scientific advances. National Sunday School Week must be a time of spiritual advance and of Christian witness. It is a vital part of the struggle for national existence.

In agreement with these purposes, a Christian statesman, Oregon's governor, Mark O. Hatfield, made this statement: "As Governor of Oregon the truths which I learned in Sunday School are the very principles which I must apply day by day in managing the affairs of state. The value of the Sunday School cannot be overestimated in the contribution of presenting the Christian Gospel in age-grade form to millions of people yearly, to say nothing of its contribution in building into the lives of young people the moral fibre and integrity which are necessary to maintain the great liberties which we hold so dear."

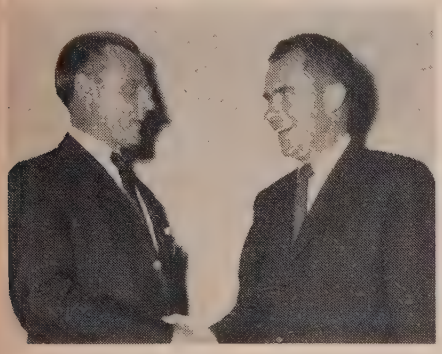
Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today,* was asked whether he thought the Sunday School should be dissolved. His reply: "Either young people had better learn to read and appropriate the Bible from their earliest years, or they may be reading Russian and appropriating Marx. The alternatives are no less startling than this. The world is at a crossroads of ultimates. The task of the Sunday School is to draw man compellingly to the crucified and risen Christ, to the Cross-Road that is decisive for man's destiny in eternity and for his dignity in time."

National Sunday School Week is sponsored annually by the National Sunday School Association. In cooperation with Christian publishers NSSA has prepared materials which will help local churches plan for observance of the Week. "National Sunday School Week Idea Book" outlines preparation and programming. Posters, post cards, church bulletins, and streamers emphasizing the 1959 theme are available. Lists of other helpful booklets, tracts, and visitation materials have been prepared. Samples may be secured from, or orders sent to: National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

as call letters for a new FM broadcasting station projected from San Diego.

KLTT, authorized by the Federal Communications Commission, is to be built in the Southland community and operated in conjunction with KBBI, Los Angeles FM station owned and operated by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The facility, located at 102.5 megacycles on the FM dial, is expected to be on the air by January 1, 1960.

Dr. Talbot continues a daily radio ministry throughout the west with his popular half hour Bible study "Verse by Verse." The program is currently being released over two Los Angeles stations, as well as stations in Bakersfield, California, and Portland, Oregon. The broadcast is on the air Monday through Friday.



VICE PRESIDENT NIXON HONORED

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is congratulated by Dr. Harold J. Ockenga upon receiving International Youth's Distinguished Citation for 1959.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"Captive Schools" Featured in Film

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A semi-documentary film released this summer by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State dramatizes what are known as "captive schools," reports Dr. Glenn L. Archer, POAU executive director. Entitled "Captured," the 16mm. sound film was viewed in a chain of simultaneous premieres by 5,000 selected church, fraternal and professional leaders. Cities where the premieres were held include New York; St. Louis; St. Paul; Albuquerque; Portland, Maine; Portland, Oregon; New Orleans; Erie, Pa.; Memphis; Los Angeles; Washington, D. C.; Columbus, Ohio; Syracuse, N. Y. and Tallahassee, Fla.

"A captive school," explained Dr. Archer, is a public school staffed by nuns, brothers or priests of the Roman Catholic Church. We have taken the story of one of the schools we retrieved, changed names and put it on celluloid."

"There are at least 281 captive schools in 21 states," said Dr. Archer. "For instance, Illinois has 23, Kentucky 15 and Louisiana 68. Where they exist, captive schools not only violate the law but disrupt the life of the community and create religious strife. To stop these unconstitutional tie-ups, we take legal steps where we must, but we prefer to use educational means such as this movie."

Dr. Archer indicated that further information on the film could be obtained from the POAU office, 1633 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Religious Discrimination Abroad Debated in Senate

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Discrimination against Protestants in Spain, Italy, Colombia and other parts of the world was ignored in a recent debate in the Senate. The discussion centered around proposed withdrawal of U. S. aid to countries which discriminate against American citizens because of "race or religion." The measure was defeated by a narrow margin.

The current policy of Saudi Arabia excluding Jewish servicemen from American bases prompted the proposed amendment.

Senator Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) introduced the anti-discrimination amendment to the Lehman resolution of 1956. Morse claimed discrimination has continued under the Lehman bill which states that distinctions among U. S. citizens based on their individual religious affiliations is "inconsistent with our principles."

In a notable decision by Judge Epstein of the New York Supreme Court recently, the Arabian American Oil Company was prohibited from trading in the State of New York because of its discriminatory employment policies. Commenting on this action Morse expressed the opinion that the United States ought to take similar action against ARAMCO.

"I do not think we should continue to pour the dollars of American taxpayers into such countries by way of foreign aid assistance when those countries follow a course of action which is an affront to every American citizen," Morse said.

Psychiatrist Sets Blame For Sex Crime Increase

PHILADELPHIA — (EP) — "Filthy ideas" implanted in the "immature minds" of children have "impelled them to crime" and are largely responsible for the increase in sex crimes committed by young people.

This was the charge of Dr. Nicholas G. Frignito, psychiatrist and medical director of the Municipal Court here, at the first Congressional field hearing into the use of the mails to distribute pornographic literature. He said that the judiciary has case histories showing how obscene literature has led to crimes ranging from assault to actual homicide.

Dr. Frignito testified that half of the children sent to Municipal Court have purchased or have had access to pornographic literature. Children from ages 9 to 14 are, he said, "most affected by this indecent material."

Religious Unity Measure Gets Committee Approval

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Religious unity achieved by government sponsorship is aimed at by a Congressional resolution calling for an Interfaith Day the fourth Sunday of September each year. The resolution, introduced by Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.), has been reported favorably without amendment from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate Joint Resolution 53 declares that "the fomenting of antagonism be-

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● **PRESIDENT EISENHOWER** has proclaimed October 7 as "National Day of Prayer." The nation's Chief Executive, in announcing the eighth annual prayer day proclamation by the president since it was authorized by Congress in 1952, called on Americans to "give thanks for the bounty of Providence which has made possible the growth and promise of our land."

● **BILLY GRAHAM** Evangelistic Association has opened its fourth office—this one in Sydney, Australia, with a staff of twelve persons who will handle mail and distribute films. The other offices of the association are in Minneapolis (with a staff of three hundred), Winnipeg, Canada and London, England.

● **THE HONORABLE** Frank Carlson, Senator from Kansas, has been named general chairman of the Capital Teen Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 28-30, under auspices of Youth for Christ International. Speakers will include Evangelists Billy Graham and Bob Pierce, according to plans released by Dr. Ted Engstrom, YFCI president.

● **NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN** Church (of which President Eisenhower is a member) will be located in the near future on a $2,000,000 site in the northwest area of Washington. Purchase of the 16½-acre site was announced at the annual General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

● **WORLD GOSPEL MISSION** will hold its National Missionary Convention October 14-18 in First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio. Speakers include Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Dr. Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, and Dr. George R. Warner, WGM president.

● **COVENANT YOUTH** of America will hold its ninth annual meeting October 8-11 at Salem Covenant Church, Minneapolis. A new CYA project will be launched at the meeting—a Covenant Youth Caravan, purpose of which is to train youth to provide assistance to local churches in all areas of activity.

● **WORLD LITERATURE** Sunday will be observed October 11—a day on which missionary endeavors unite in emphasizing the challenge of Christian literature overseas. Posters, church bulletins, brochures and other materials are available from: Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Pa., or Evangelical Literature Overseas, 1825 College Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

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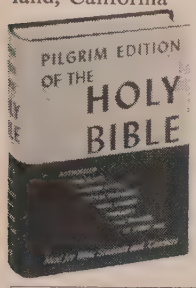

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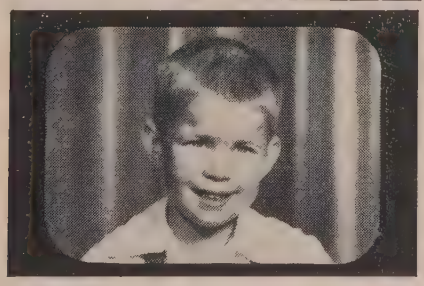

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Commending the ecumenical movement, the resolution says that "the program of the interfaith movement offers a practicable means for encouraging such mutual understanding."

The resolution, when passed by both houses and approved by the President, becomes public law affecting the whole nation.

Since its introduction in the Senate in February, the resolution has been under criticism by several religious leaders. Questions have been raised as to whether or not it is the role of government to serve as "peacemakers among religious bodies."

President Comments On "Catholic President"

WASHINGTON—The question, "Can a Catholic be elected President of the United States?" was raised at a recent press conference here—with specific reference to the coming 1960 presidential election and the possible candidacy of two Roman Catholics, Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Edmund G. Brown of California.

President Eisenhower labeled the question of whether or not a Catholic could be elected President as "extraneous." He said: "I think it's like asking a man whether he is a Methodist or Presbyterian or something of that kind. I do not agree at all with the theory that prejudice, religious prejudice, should rule our choice of candidates and officials in this nation." Asserting that he had "no opinion" as to whether or not a Catholic candidate could be elected if he won his party's nomination, the President added: "I'll say this—if I saw any man that I thought was really a qualified, responsible individual running for office, my vote would never be changed on the basis of his religion."

Laymen

Spiritual Summit Meeting Is Suggested by Professor

NEW YORK CITY—(EP)—A college professor has called for a summit meeting of spiritual leaders to help aid the cause of world peace.

Speaking to Rotarians from seventy-five nations at their fiftieth annual convention here, Dr. Marcus Bach, religion professor at Iowa State University, said that during a recent research trip around the world, he found "there is a growing belief that a new era of peace and understanding is in the making."

"Religion used to have a motto: Cooperation without compromise," he said. "But the trend today is for men of good will and good faith to compromise in areas where world understanding and world peace will be promoted. This does not mean a watering-down of what a man believes. It is simply recognition that religious divisiveness has held back religion's effectiveness all too long."

Other evidence of the new religious climate, Bach said, is that "religion and science are no longer natural ene-

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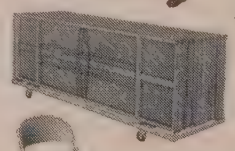

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"The will to believe says there are common denominators of faith upon which all thinking men and all religions can agree; the dignity of man, responsibility to a divine being, a moral code, a social ethic, continuity of life and a desire for universal brotherhood and peace."

Premier Manning Speaker At CBMCI's Convention

CHICAGO—Premier Earnest Charles Manning of Alberta, Canada, will be among the featured speakers for the Twenty-second Christian Business Men's Committee International Convention scheduled for September 30—October 4 at Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis. Mr. Manning, who will address the men's luncheon on Friday, conducts a weekly broadcast known as "Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour."

Theme of the convention is: "Wanted: A Man Found Faithful," based on I Corinthians 4:2. CBMCI vice chairman James E. Colville, vice president of the John Adams Henry Co., New York City, will deliver the keynote address. Mrs. R. G. LeTourneau of Longview, Tex., will speak at the ladies' luncheon. Welcome to the delegates will be given by Floyd Hooten, chairman of the convention committee. A daily "Win Men" session will be conducted by Robert D. Foster, vice president The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Other featured speakers will include Robert J. Willey, manager production control, missile projects, Hayes Aircraft Corp., Birmingham, Ala.; Percy J. Rich, secretary, C. J. Oliver Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.; Glenn I. Garman, owner and general manager, Garman's Home Center, Chambersburg, Pa.; Hubert Mitchell, president, Inter-Church Ministries, Chicago, Richard Yorgey, vice-president, Yorgey's Cleaners, Ephrata, Pa.; George Momme, builder and contractor, Phoenix, Ariz.; Judge James Welch, Lakeland, Fla.; Henderson Belk, vice-president, Belk Stores, Charlotte, N. C.; Richard Woike, president, Richard Woike Co., New York, N. Y.; Nate Scharff, president, Nate's Clothing Store, Inc., Dayton, O.; Charles E. Jones, manager, Mutual of New York, Harrisburg, Pa.; R. G. LeTourneau, president, R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., Longview, Tex., and Leon H. Sullivan, president, Leon H. Sullivan, Inc., investment bankers, Philadelphia.

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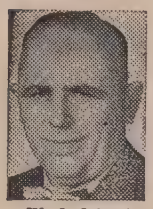

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The directory states that membership of the Catholic Church in the U.S. is now 47.8 per cent higher than it was ten years ago.

MISSIONS

EFMA Executives Hold Fall Retreat

WASHINGTON — Executives of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association are planning the Eighth Annual Missions Executives Retreat to be held September 28-October 2 at Westminster Hotel, Winona Lake, Ind., EFMA headquarters here has announced.

There will be studies and discussions on the following topics: Communism, How to Combat It; The Changing Africa; Schools for Missionary Children; On-the-Job Training on the Mission field; Missionary Curriculum for Seminaries, Bible Institutes and Liberal Arts Colleges.

Christian Medical Society Sponsors First Convention

CHICAGO—"The Man God Uses" has been announced as the theme of the first International Convention of Missionary Medicine sponsored by the Christian Medical Society, planned for December 27-30 on the campus of Wheaton (Ill.) College. Raymond Knighton, executive director of CMS, has indicated that about fifty medical missionaries are expected to be present. They are to participate in panel discussions and be available for individual conferences.

Speaking on the theme of the convention, Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of *The Alliance Witness,* is scheduled for a series of three messages. Other speakers include Dr. P. Kenneth Gieser, CMS president, who will welcome the delegates; Dr. Ralph Blocksma, chairman of the convention committee and immediate past president, who will deliver the keynote address; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, executive editor of *Christianity Today* and for twenty-five years medical missionary to China, and Dr. C. Everett Koop, chief of surgery at Children's Hospital, Philadelphia and associate professor of pedi-

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Business activity of the conference, Mr. Vanderwood revealed, included (1) the appointment of Rev. Everett Ashton, Memphis, Tennessee, as the first full-time youth director for the denomination; (2) the appointment of Rev. Francis Pitcher, Duvall, Washington, as the first director of foreign missions; (3) a vote to tithe the Sunday School budgets so that local churches could co-operate in promoting bigger and better Sunday schools; (4) the setting of the boundary between the Eastern and Western Conferences along the western borders of the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota.

The Eastern and Western Conferences met in separate sessions and selected sites for their 1960 conferences. The Western Conference voted to meet in Abilene, Texas next June 28 through July 3 and the Eastern Conference in Parkersburg, West Virginia next July 12-17.

Dr. J. H. Hamblen, 81-year-old founder and senior general superintendent of the church, addressed the conference, indicating that "Pentecost is the answer to the church's problems and the world's need."

PERSONALIA

Robert W. Ross, well-known for his leadership in youth and Sunday School conferences, has been named Biblical and Educational Research Editor for Scripture Press, leading publisher of Sunday School materials with headquarters at Wheaton, Ill.

Wilber T. Dayton, on sabbatical leave from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., is teaching Greek and New Testament during the semester ending October 9 at Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, India. Dr. Dayton will speak at the National Holiness Convention which convenes October 13-18 at Yeotmal.

Charles H. Burmeister, prominent in Midwest advertising and printing circles, has been named director of domestic operations for The Lutheran Hour, Paul Friedrich, executive director of the sponsoring Lutheran Laymen's League, has announced. Burmeister has been associated with various Lutheran church boards and com-

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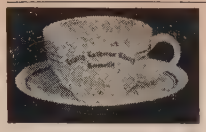

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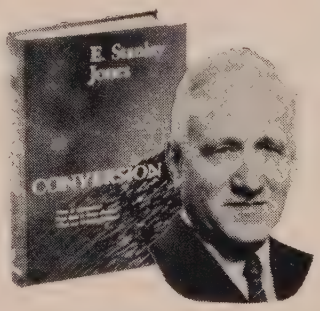

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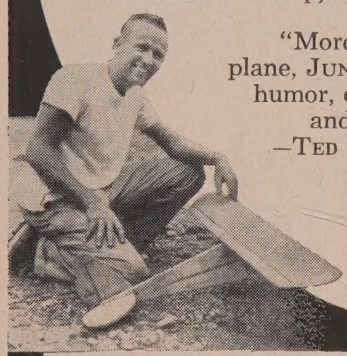

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Should high school pupils be used as Sunday School teachers?

Ordinarily, no. There is no doubt that often there are high school pupils with outstanding ability who perhaps could do a job better than some older people; but there is a danger just the same in having them teach. They need to be in a class where they learn the Bible and learn how to discover the will of God for their own lives. Few high school pupils have the maturity that is required to stay by the job consistently. If they are given a task and they do not do it well, they may not realize how poorly they are performing and be led to believe they are doing better than they are. This can have damaging results in later years.

How can you get high school pupils to pay attention?

There is no easy answer. The teacher must be a prepared teacher with something to contribute and with a vital interest in the young people.

Preparation is spiritual, mental, physical and social. Spiritually "prayed up"—Mentally, "studied up"—physically, "rested up" and socially, "polished up."

There is no substitute for the teacher's individual interest in the pupil. The lessons must be slanted to meet the pupil's needs if they are to hold his interest.

Pupils need to feel they have a vital part in the lesson time. The teacher who aims for varied pupil participation will gain interest and attention on the part of the pupil.

Should high school classes be separated into boys' and girls' classes?

There are strong advocates of divided classes and just as strong advocates of mixed classes.

Possibly as much of the answer depends upon outside things as upon the boys and girls themselves. For instance. Is there adequate classroom space? Are the teachers for both boys and girls equally capable?

Much depends upon the teacher. Some teachers can handle boys or girls but cannot seem to handle a mixed class.

There are advantages in teaching and in counselling when sexes are separated. There are sometimes legitimate interests that motivate better attendance when they are allowed to be together. The number in the class is also a factor.

VIEWPOINT by the editor

Lost: The First Round

When Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield banned the unexpurgated version of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* from the mail, religious groups all over the country hailed his action. What has happened since then has given cause for serious concern.

The Postmaster General's ruling was struck down by a decision rendered in the U. S. District Court in New York by Judge Frederich vanPelt Bryan. Of course, this isn't a fatal blow to the advocates of decency since it means only that the first round has been lost, but some of the implications of the decision make us wonder about the fight. If the decision is sustained by a higher court (post officials decided immediately to take the matter to the Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States), the way may be opened to the widespread distribution of pornographic or obscene books and pictures since it seems to deprive the Post Office Department of all of its power to keep filthy "literature" out of the mails.

Judge Bryan's argument, couched in phrases of earnestness and sincerity, is that morals have changed and people nowadays accept dirty books as "best sellers." From this he reasons that, no matter how offensive even to "a substantial segment of the community," there is no right to bar such books because, after all, people do buy them and read them.

The court opinion says the material in a book "is not to be judged by excerpts or individual passages but must be judged as a whole," and adds that there has been "general acceptance of the book throughout the country and nothing was shown to the contrary." We will grant that up to a point this last statement of the judge's is true, but the book that has gained "general acceptance" for the past 30 years is the *expurgated* version, not the recently published *unexpurgated* version.

In discussing this latest version, Judge Bryan says:

"It (the book) contains a number of passages describing sexual intercourse in great detail with complete candor and realism. Four-letter Anglo-Saxon words are used with some frequency.

"The tests of obscenity are not whether the book or passages from it are in bad taste or shock or offend the sensibilities of an individual, or even of a substantial segment of the community . . ."

And then the judge makes this sweeping statement that causes us to wonder if the floodgates against obscenity have been knocked away:

"The statute does not purport to regulate the morals portrayed or the ideas expressed in a novel, whether or not they are contrary to the accepted moral code, nor could it constitutionally do so."

If the vermin who foul the newsstands with their slimy stuff have crawled into every legal loophole around a fairly strong statute, what will the end be without a statute. As Jesus said, "If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

Judge Bryan seems to think that the acquiescence of the public in the sale of dirty books in the past indicates that people do not object. He writes:

"Much of what is now accepted would have shocked the community to the core a generation ago. Today such things are generally tolerated whether we approve or not."

"But," as Columnist David Lawrence said, "do the American people approve of dirty books, and if there is a trend of that kind in the community, could it mean that the authorities may have been remiss in failing heretofore to suppress such works?"

It is possible that, if Judge Bryan's generalization be true, our moral standards haven't kept pace with our growing church membership. He seems to say that the morals of a generation ago were a good deal higher than today and so by that bit of pragmatic philosophy he would justify the distribution of a book which he himself says "contains a number of passages describing sexual intercourse in great detail with complete candor and realism."

The judge seems to think that if a "reputable publisher" issues a dirty book, it becomes "literary" and not "obscene." Here is his reasoning:

"A work of literature published and distributed through normal channels by a reputable publisher stands on quite a different footing from hard core pornography furtively sold for the purpose of profiting by the titillation of the dirty-minded."

But his reasoning is all shot through with holes. Who is to determine whether a publisher's motive in circulating a sex novel is pure and untainted by an idea of "profiting by the titillation of the dirty-minded"?

If some more responsible court doesn't reverse the latest ruling, it looks like the sky will be the limit on the sale and distribution through the mails of pornographic books and pictures.

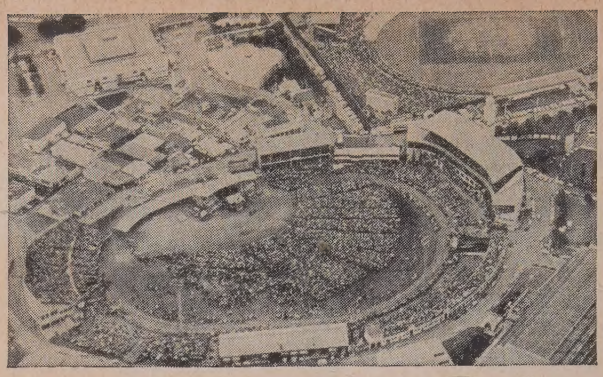
The Brighter Side

Not all was dark, however. A bright spark came from Tokyo. There Colonel Charles Johnstone, commanding officer of an Air Force Base where the families of 2,350 U. S. Air Force men live, heard numerous complaints of G.I. wives being insulted in the PX.

The trouble was, said the colonel, that too often such women came in two categories—either "provocatively clad" or, if "less young and shapely, disgustingly clad." So a sergeant was posted at the door of the commissary, and every woman who showed up wearing a bathing suit, shorts, slacks, blue jeans, pedal pushers or halter was politely but firmly turned away.

Amid the storm generated on the base came a letter from a large U. S. firm that is helping dredge the Suez Canal. The company had heard of the colonel's crusade and wanted to know all the details, because it was interested in starting a campaign of its own among the wives of its employees.

The final Sydney Showground meeting broke all Crusade attendance records—150,000 persons. The response to the invitation was 5,648 inquirers—2,000 of whom came forward in the adjoining Cricket Ground.



To God Be The Glory

The Very Rev. Dr. S. Barton Babbage

Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

In Melbourne we were both humbled and exalted—humbled by the response and exalted by the results. Night by night people from every walk of life—from the highest to the lowest—gave themselves either by committal to Christ or by rededication.

It has been a high privilege and an unforgettable experience to have been able to share in this evangelistic adventure. The ministry of Billy Graham we have appreciated more than we can say. To his burning sincerity, contagious faith and personal charm he adds an utter devotion to Christ. We pray that the blessing of God may continue to abide on his ministry.

The Rt. Rev. R. C. Kerle

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My whole life has been greatly enriched by my participation in the Crusades in Australia Never again could I doubt that the Gospel is the "Power of God," nor that men's lives can be changed through "the foolishness of preaching."

Throughout this Commonwealth the majority of ministers of all Churches participated. It has been the greatest act of united witness in the history of this nation; and, either directly or indirectly through land-line relays, thousands of congregations have received deep spiritual blessing.

We have discovered the existence of a real spiritual hunger and we are encouraged to preach Christ crucified with a new confidence.

The spirit and message of the Crusades will continue in the thousands of Churches who have been benefited beyond measure during the Crusade days, and in the lives of the multiplied thousands of individuals who have found a new meaning to life through faith in Jesus Christ.

As the Churches and Christians of Australia take up the task we firmly believe this is not the end, but the beginning of a great new day for the cause of Christ here in this land.

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Wood

President-General of the Methodist Church in Australasia

The Graham Crusade has been the most remarkable religious event in this generation in Australia. The numbers attending the meetings night after night have been one amazing evidence of success.

The many thousands who have responded in each city have given the churches an opportunity which they have not known before.

The Methodist Church has whole-heartedly co-operated and as its official head I pay the heartiest tribute for what we have seen and experienced. To God be the glory!

The Rt. Rev. Marcus Loane

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Sydney has never been so widely or deeply stirred as it has been during this Crusade. The many thousands who have crowded the meetings at the Showground and who have responded to the invitation at every meeting have revealed a spiritual hunger which was scarcely suspected. There is perhaps hardly a Church in the metropolitan area which is not now rejoicing in those who have declared themselves willing to put their trust in Christ and receive Him as their Lord and Savior.

The Crusade has unified all the Churches in a fellowship which has proved more real and effective than we have ever known.

The Rev. Gordon Powell

Minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church

Sydney is a pleasure-loving city. Its people have been described as amiable pagans. Its church people have always had a struggle and too often been weak and defeated. What a difference there is now! There is a spirit of gaiety and confidence amongst the church people. Morale is at an all time high and all the city is talking religion and the churches, working joyfully together, feel a new strength. We believe it is the beginning of the first big revival in our history. God has done great things whereof we are glad.

The Rev. Alan Walker

Minister of the Central Methodist Mission

Only the Spirit of God, the Christian Gospel and a Christian preacher could have produced this miracle. Here we have seen welling up the need of this great city. A deep yearning for God often lies buried beneath the materialism, the sophistication, the sin of our lives. Here it has broken through in these days. Here we have seen God from His side breaking through to us. Life for many of us will never be the same again. Lives have been changed, homes reunited, churches quickened. Humbly, gratefully, we acknowledge the goodness of God.

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Watson

Director of the Department of Evangelism
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None of us imagined that we would ever see the day when thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens would openly declare their faith in Jesus Christ. People from all walks of life have been ready to declare without embarrassment their readiness to allow God to come into their lives. The Crusade that has been held in Sydney is now to be written into the history of our nation, and will be written, many of us believe, as the greatest event in the religious life of the country.

The Rev. R. F. Clement

Minister of the Central Methodist Church, Auckland

Almost every Church reports new members in its fellowship, and more important, a deepening of the spiritual life of many who belonged before. To assess the magnitude of the impact of the Crusade we should be required to attempt to measure spiritual values which would be impossible. Certain it is that something of immense spiritual significance has happened in many Churches and Christian people in Auckland for which we thank God.

The Rev. Roland Hart

President, Canterbury Baptist Association

The continuing impact of the Crusade is being seen first in the increased congregations of Churches of all denominations; secondly, in the fact that there is now in every Church a spearhead of trained and confident Christian workers. We are now confronted with an opportunity such as we have never known in this country.

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